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SUBJECT: ARGENTINE REGULATIONS ON WHISKEY IMPORTS

1. THE DISTILLED SPIRITS COUNCIL OF THE U.S. (DISCUS)
HAS ASKED THE DEPARTMENT TO HELP CLARIFY GOA REGULATIONS
ON IMPORTATION OF BOURBON WHISKEY. ACCORDING TO DISCUS,
SCOTCH SINGLE MALT CAN BE IMPORTED INTO ARGENTINA WHERE IT
IS MIXED WITH LOCALLY PRODUCED ALCOHOL WHILE BOURBON IS
NOT ALLOWED IN BECAUSE IT IS NOT BLENDED WITH THE ARGENTINE
ALCOHOL.

2. DISCUS WOULD LIKE TO KNOW IF ARGENTINE REGULATIONS
WOULD PERMIT THE IMPORTATION OF DISTILLERY PROOF U.S.
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BOURBON WHISKEY IN BULK WHICH WOULD BE REDUCED TO A POTABLE
PROOF BY MIXING WITH DISTILLED WATER. THE EMBASSY IS
REQUESTED TO INVESTIGATE THIS MATTER AND ALSO PROVIDE
ANY INFORMATION AVAILABLE ON CURRENT ARGENTINE REGULATIONS
AND IMPORT DUTIES APPLICABLE TO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES
INCLUDING WINE.

3. AS THE PRODUCTION PROCESS FOR BOURBON IS NOT AMENABLE
TO MIXING WITH ALCOHOL, THE ARGENTINE REGULATIONS SEEM TO
EFFECTIVELY SERVE AS A NON-TARIFF BARRIER TO U.S. EXPORTS.
THE EMBASSY'S RECOMMENDATIONS ON HOW TO APPROACH THIS

PROBLEM WOULD BE APPRECIATED. FYI - IF THE GOA DOES HAVE
A MIXING REQUIREMENT, THIS WOULD APPEAR TO BE A VIOLATION
OF THE GATT. SEE ARTICLE III.5. END FYI.
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